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## Elba Police make drug arrests

The Elba Police Department made a couple of drug arrests earlier this week that sent two individuals to jail.

On Sunday, July 14, Adam Graham, age 32, of Elba, was arrested by Elba officers and charged with possession of a controlled substance, as well as, a felony charge of probation violation. He was booked Sunday morning in the Coffee County Jail, and jail records showed that he remained there as of press time this week.

On Monday, July 15, Elba Police arrested Michael Jordan, age 38, of Troy, Ala., on multiple charges.

Jordan was charged with possession of



Adam Graham (l), Michael Jordan (r)

marijuana — second degree, theft of property — fourth degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked in the Coffee County Jail and later released on bail. This too was according to jail records.



THE COFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT responded to a request for help Tuesday, July 16, from the Opp Police Department. The Opp officials needed assistance in searching for the body of a crime victim in Lake Frank Jackson. A team, under the leadership of Chief Deputy Ronnie Whitworth, was dispatched immediately from Coffee County to assist and were on the water shortly after noon. Their first search area was North of the Highway 331 bridge. At presstime there was no news of anyone finding any evidence related to a crime. The above photo shows the Coffee County searchers, and other boats, as they were launching their search boat from the boat ramp in Frank Jackson Park.

## National Weather Service meteorologist speaks at CPYRWMA meeting held in Enterprise, Ala.

by Jack West, Intern

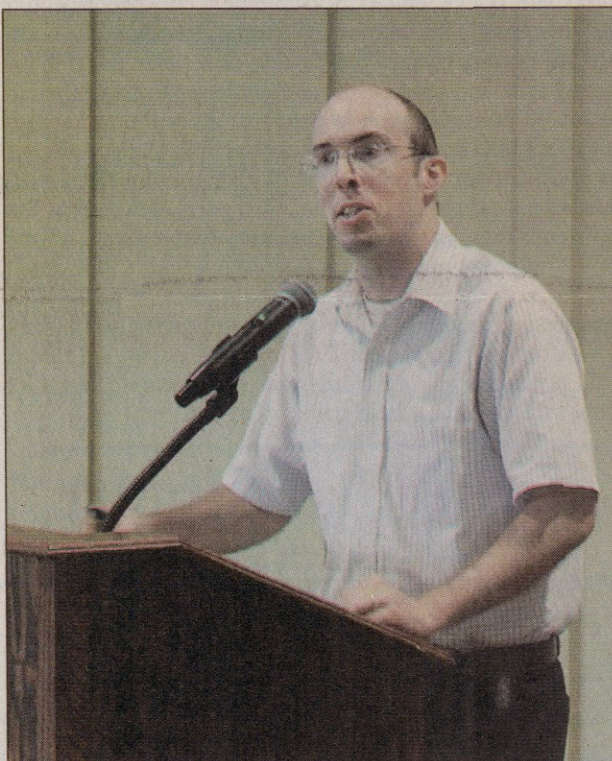
The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority [CPYRWMA] hosted two representatives from the National Weather Service in Tallahassee at their meeting Tuesday, July 9th.

The Enterprise Farmer's Market housed the meeting, and after CPYRWMA chairman Ronnie Hudson called the meeting to order, Mayor Bill Cooper of Enterprise gave a brief introduction.

"Our doors are open," Cooper said. "I appreciate the job that you all do. If there is anything that we can do to help or to provide for you, we will feel free to do so."

According to information provided by Barbara Gibson, executive director of CPYRWMA, the Authority was established in 1991, following the devastating flood of 1990. The Authority currently monitors 2,328,000 acres of land and is governed by a 16-member volunteer board of directors.

The day's speaker, Kelly Godsey, is a National Weather Service Senior Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist in Tallahassee, Florida. Godsey said he has been interested in tropical



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cyclones since he was young and has been working with the National Weather Service since 2003. Godsey spoke about the gauge system that is being used Weather Forecast Office in Tallahassee to monitor and predict potential flooding.

"Our office in Tallahassee covers 48 counties across North Florida, South Georgia and Southeast Alabama," he said. "Here in Southeast Alabama, our office serves Coffee, Dale, Henry, Geneva and Houston counties."

Across those three states, Godsey and his team collect data from 22 gauges which monitor precipitation and river levels.

According to Godsey, the predictions made at his office combine the water levels at the top and bottom of a given river basin with observed and expected rainfall to determine what level of flooding is possible or expected. Those predictions can then be turned into maps and graphs which are distributed to residents and emergency workers in the area.

"We like to think in terms of impacts—how people are being affected and how significant those impacts are," Godsey said. Following Godsey's presentation, the CPYRWMA held their business session before adjourning.



Elba High School students Colin Harrison, Lauren Haley, and Elizabeth Woodham participated in the National FCCLA Conference held June 30 - July 4 in California. The students all brought home medals from the events they participated in, but they also brought home new experiences such as flying and going through an earthquake.

From plane rides and earthquakes to gold and silver medals

## Elba FCCLA students experience California in multiple ways while participating in nationals

by Jack West, Intern

Part of Elba High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter flew to Anaheim, California last month to compete in the FCCLA's annual National Leadership Conference.

While there, they gave presentations, earned medals and experienced a 6.4-magnitude earthquake. Three high school students, Lauren Haley, Colin Harrison and Elizabeth Woodham, represented Elba High School at this year's conference from June 30 to July 4.

"FCCLA is the career technical service organization associated with the family consumer science classes," said Christina Morgan, career technical director at Elba High School.

Morgan accompanied the students on their trip and has been helping them prep their presentations.

For the conference, each student picked one of the categories provided by FCCLA and developed a presentation which they would give to judges. The categories were broad topics like "Advocacy" or "Focus on Children" which allowed the students to narrow down their own focus and address a specific issue.

Then, judges scored the students on a scale of 100. These scores were based on both the prepared materials that a student brought, and how well he or she was able to present it. Students scoring above 70 earning a silver medal, and students scoring above 90 earning a gold medal.

Haley, a rising senior, earned a gold medal for her presentation about anti-bullying advocacy.

Harrison, a rising junior, earned a gold medal for his presentation about how to implement anti-bullying protocols in classrooms.

Woodham, a rising senior, earned a silver medal for her

presentation about emergency medical technician career options.

Two of the students, Haley and Woodham, had been to a FCCLA national conference before, but it was in Nashville, Tennessee. So, for all three students, this was their first time flying in an airplane.

Then, as if presenting in front of strangers and first-time-flying wasn't stressful enough, a 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck California on the last day of the conference.

"I didn't realize what had happened until after it had happened," Woodham said.

Morgan and the group of students were on the ninth floor of their hotel when the earthquake occurred.

"It was like being on a cruise ship," Morgan said.

Elba's dog park provides outlet for animal and owner

by Jack West, Intern

During the summer months, the dog park in Tiger Town Park is often desolate.

Temperatures in the mid-90s tend to keep people and their pets indoors near the air conditioning. Melanie Jones, and Elba resident, became the exception to the heat and came to the dog park to talk about it.

Jones said she and her husband, Tom, have three dogs and often walk them around Elba.

"We walk with our dogs when it's not hot like this on the levee," she said. "One day, we saw Mr. [Greg] Hanchey out here working, and we were curious as to what was going on."

That was last year, and Jones said that is when she and her husband learned the city was planning to build a dog park. Then, in November 2018, the dog park

"The whole building kind of swayed, but it felt more like waves."

Neither Morgan nor any of the students had experienced an earthquake before and said they didn't really

know enough about what was happening to be scared. "I wasn't scared because I didn't know what was going on," Elba student Colin Harrison said in regards to the 6.4-magnitude earthquake.

According to Morgan, many of the local residents didn't seem to mind the quake. "All the Californians just acted like nothing happened," she said. "They were still laying out; food

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different ways. However, Jones remains optimistic about the park and is thankful for it.

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Lottie enjoys walking and playing at the dog park in Elba, according to her owner Melanie Jones. Lottie is one of three dogs Jones and her husband Tom bring to the park on a regular basis to get exercise.

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## Area Happenings

THE JULY 2019 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIRE-GRASS CHAPTER 92, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. There will be an election of officers for the upcoming year. All members are asked to be in attendance. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

A COFFEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE will be held each Wednesday, Aug. 28 - Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Cost for the course is \$150 per person. Applications must be received by Aug. 19th, and the class is limited to 35 students. To register or for more information, call the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596 or email: lee0003@aces.edu



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The basis of a democratic state is liberty." - Aristotle

New research from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and Stony Brook University found that the language used in Facebook posts can help identify conditions such as diabetes, anxiety, depression and psychosis. Researchers analyzed the entire Facebook post history of nearly 1,000 patients who had their medical record data linked to their profiles. The study found that all of the 21 medical conditions the researchers assessed were predictable from Facebook posts alone. "As social media posts are often about someone's lifestyle choices and experiences or how they're feeling, this information could provide additional information about disease management and exacerbation," said physician Raina Merchant of Penn.

Another field that University of Pennsylvania med school folks are studying is "natural" prescriptions rather than a bottle of pills. This means the doctor will put it in writing that you are to get out and spend some time in nature to help your blood pressure, depression, etc. Now, we could have told them that a generation or so ago! As a teenager we used quiet time walking in the woods (or lying in the pine straw) to create those serene moments.

Bitcoin's value has trebled so far this year and is back above \$10,000. Cryptocurrencies are like a virus that won't die. They keep metastasizing. There are still more than 2,000 cryptocurrencies in existence, and their theoretical total value is about \$318 billion! However, if you have a few million of them, don't hold your breath until someone hands you all that money for them.

A longtime subscriber mailed her annual payment last week. Upon opening it, a note dropped out. We always like those, even if they are fussing at us. This lady was paying her bill but asking for prayers because she is one of the many who had a total loss of their home near the beach last year. Having lived through a couple of major disasters, our heart goes out to all those folks. It was also with greater gratitude that she was still renewing her subscription to the home town newspaper in spite of all her personal issues.

Our unidentified 'friend' who continues to FAX us volumes and volumes of what we consider off-the-wall far-far right political statements, accusations against democrats (with small d), etc., and claims that everyone is conspiring against . . . well everybody else . . . hit us again last week. We walked in the office at 8:00 a.m. to a thick pile of anti Islamic, anti police, anti U. S. Supreme Court papers in our FAX machine. This unknown person warns about the coming 'one currency world' with pages of detailed proof in little tiny type and sends us an alleged letter from an Iranian to Donald Trump about how the Muslims will never accept peace because they just like to kill people and Americans are idiots for not getting tougher with his countrymen. OH, we also get previously unheard of reports about all of the girlfriends these male politicians have on the string. All the phone numbers are blacked out, so we can't block that number, nor can we call and demand it cease. Whoever this person is, we beg him or her to find someone else to upset by wasting their good clean FAX machine paper. We glance at it, say some unkind words that mama would scold us about and trash the whole stack . . . again.

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## EDITORIAL

Due to technical difficulty

### Scheduled rocket launch at Elba High this week postponed

by Jack West, Intern

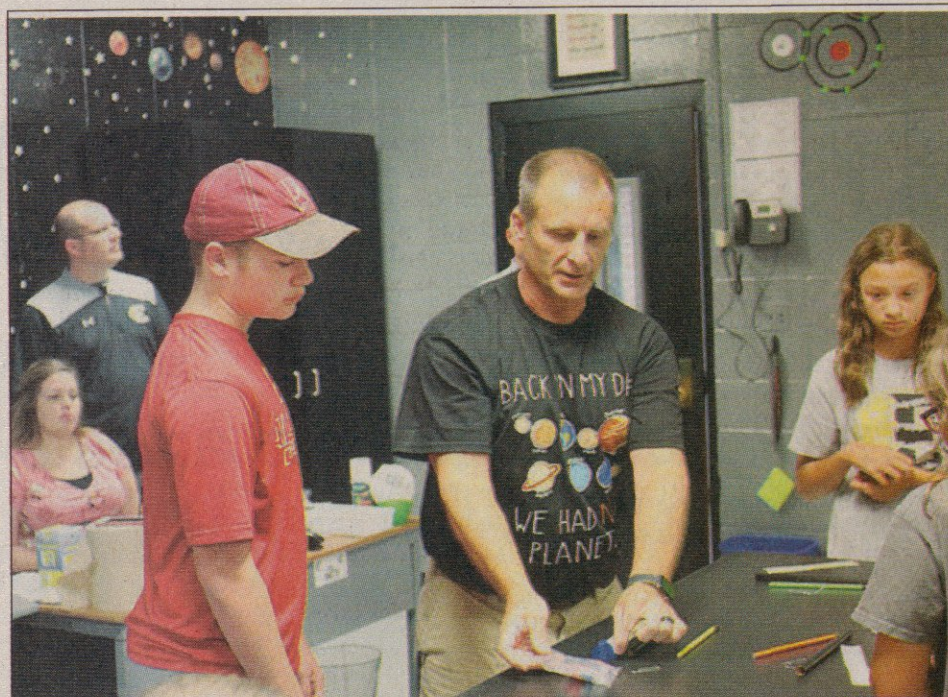
Houston, We Have a Problem...

On Tuesday, July 16, junior-high students in Elba built rockets with their science teacher to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Saturn V rocket launch which took the first astronauts to the moon.

Phillip Smith, science teacher at Elba High School, planned the launch and helped his students put their rockets together. The original plan was for the rockets to be built and launched on Tuesday, but the launch had to be postponed after Smith learned the rocket engines he had were too large to fit inside the prepared fuselages.

Nevertheless, the kids (and some parents) said they had fun putting the rockets together and getting a tour of Smith's newly decorated science lab.

The launch in Elba was going to be part of a country-wide attempt to break the world record for the most rockets launched in a day. That morning, the US Space & Rocket Center in



Elba junior high science teacher Phillip Smith is shown helping students building rockets for a scheduled launch on Tuesday morning, July 16; however, a 'technical difficulty' forced the launch to be postponed for now. This had been planned as part of a country-wide attempt to break the world record for most rockets launched in a day to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Saturn V rocket launch, which took the first astronauts to the moon. The Elba launch will be rescheduled at a later date, but those involved Tuesday morning with the activity said they still had a 'blast' building the rockets for launch.

Huntsville, Alabama launched nearly 5,000 model rockets in an attempt to break the record for the most rockets launched at

one time.

According to Smith, Elba's rocket launch will be rescheduled once the correct-sized rockets are here.

Werhner von Braun, the late German rocket-scientist who designed the Saturn V rocket, probably ran into the same problem.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, July 8, and Sunday, July 14, made the following arrests: four on warrants, and one for domestic violence.

There were 15 traffic citations and 31 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of July 8 - July 14.

**MONDAY, JULY 8** - Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Packing House Rd (5:59 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on Factory Ave in reference to damaged property (8:10 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of an assault that happened earlier in the evening on Morrow Ave - report taken (10:07 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint on Morrow Ave - a close patrol requested (11:07 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JULY 9** - Officer met with a complainant on Taylor Mill Rd in reference to a broken window at the subject's house (1:41 a.m.); Officers responded to a call referencing a suspicious subject walking down Taylor Mill Rd - subject was transported to the Coffee/Covington county line (2:22 a.m.); Officer assisted a Samson officer with a call referencing a reckless

driver they had pulled over in the Elba Jurisdiction on Hwy 87 (11:21 a.m.); Officers responded to a single vehicle wreck on Hwy 166 - officers advised no one was around the vehicle and no property damage (11:46 a.m.); Officers responded to a call referencing an unwanted guest on Morrow Ave - this was a juvenile issue and subject was transported to another location (11:25 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10** - Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision with no injuries in area of Hwy 203 near Taylor Crossings (11:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a business in the area of Claxton Ave S in reference to a report of property damage (2:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at a residence on Pinedale Dr (2:47 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on County Rd 368 in reference to the breaking and entering of a storage shed (5:55 p.m.); Officers responded to a business on Hwy 203 in reference to a possible breaking and entering (6:30 p.m.); Officers responded to a business on Claxton Ave N in reference to a report of harassment (10:35 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 11** - Report of a domestic in progress at a residence on County Rd 367 - subjects were separated (12:07 a.m.); Report of juveniles shooting fireworks in the

area of Tiger Town - they were advised to stop (10:39 a.m.); Report of a subject trespassing in area of Farris Ave (11:40 a.m.); Report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on County Rd 367 - same residence as earlier call - female subject left the residence (1:12 p.m.); Report of a domestic at a residence on Sunset Blvd - one subject was arrested (7:26 p.m.); Elba Officers assisted Coffee County with a commercial burglary alarm in area of Hwy 141 (9:55 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 12** - Officers responded to a report of criminal mischief at a business on W Davis St - subject was advised to leave the property (12:43 a.m.); Officers responded to a call of a subject laying on the sidewalk in front of a business on W Davis St - officer advised the subject was leaving the area (5:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a verbal dispute between two individuals on Adkinson Ave - one subject left the residence (3:13 p.m.); Officer advised he was out with a suspicious vehicle at a property on Collier St - subjects were advised the property closed at dark and to leave the area (11:56 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 13** - Officer met with a complainant at a business on Hwy 203 in reference to a theft (11:57 a.m.); Officers assisted Haynes EMS at a residence on Neil Grantham

Dr (3:44 p.m.); Officer advised he was out with a suspicious vehicle on the Troy Hwy - one subject arrested on warrants (7:34 p.m.); Officer met with a complainant on Taylor Mill Rd in reference to property damage (10:42 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Reese Ave involving three subjects - one subject was transported to a local ER by Haynes Ambulance for minor injuries and one subject went by person vehicle for minor injuries (11:05 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** - Officer met with a complainant in reference to possible animal abandonment on Collier St (10:23 a.m.); Officers assisted Elba Fire on Morrow Ave in reference to a grass fire (12:22 p.m.); Officer met with a complainant in reference to items found at the intersection of County Rd 359 and County Rd 364 - Coffee County deputies were advised the property was at the police department (12:50 p.m.); Officers responded to a call referencing someone walking around with flashlights at a property on Sawyer St - officer got out with a subject and upon investigation determined that subject had warrants for arrest (9:16 p.m.); Officer advised he was out with a subject on Martin Luther King Dr and upon investigation determined that subject had warrants for arrest (9:48 p.m.).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

April 5, 2019 I made a 911 call to the Coffee County Sheriff's Department about a domestic violence situation I was going to need police help with. I got an operator on the phone, she told me what to do and I did it. I finally managed to make my way outside of the house. She was still on the phone and asked if I had heard the sirens, I told her no. She told me to stay on the phone, they would be arriving in 10-15 minutes. When the officer arrived, I hung up the phone. He approached me and asked what was going on. I told him my drunk husband had jumped on me and beat me.

I still had on my pajamas, blood on them, and bruises on me from the attack. He asked me where my husband was, and I replied he was inside on the recliner. The officer asked about any weapons? I replied no. The officer sent me inside the house to get my husband. I brought him outside to the side of my car and my husband told his side of the story. The officer then called for backup. The next thing I knew, the first officer who showed up was trying to put handcuffs on me. I kept telling him I haven't done anything wrong. I told him "Get your hands off me." I told him over 10 times repeatedly the same thing. I told him he needed to check his (my husband) criminal record and that mine was clean. I was trying to defend myself. He went ahead and handcuffed me and put me in the sheriff's car. My mom pulled up, got out of the car, and was looking for me. I was yelling for her but she couldn't hear me because I was in the back of the sheriff car. I was later told by my mother that "She went inside of my home to look for me, but she could not find me. She sat down in my recliner and the deputy told her to get up and get out that this was a crime scene. My mother refused to get up and leave until she knew where I was". It was very rude and unprofessional for the

officer to talk to my 80-year-old mother like that. My neighbor had to tell my mother what was going on. By that time, both my husband and I were in separate cars on our way to Coffee County jail.

This was the treatment I received once I was booked into the Coffee County Jail. They first made pictures of my bruises and cuts, then cleaned me up. I was put into a room and told to strip butt naked. The curtains were not pulled. A male deputy continuously walked by looking at my nude body that was exposed. The male deputies constantly walked back and forth. To me, that was a form of sexual abuse, to be exposed completely nude, having males continuously looking at my 61-year-old nude body. I was told to pull all my jewelry off and place it into a plastic bag. A total of 5 rings. I was asked to show both my privates in order for them to check for drugs rectally and vaginally. I was not even there for drugs. The deputy took them (the rings) to a desk and asked if I took psychiatric medications, and I told them yes. I had to go back and change into some type of x-ray suit.

The same thing happened again, nude, males walking by with my body completely exposed. From there I was put in a holding cell with a girl who appeared to be on crack cocaine or something. A prison worker brought in a food tray. The cell mate was butt naked on the wall flying. The worker told her she better put her clothes back on. She was continuously naked and didn't put her clothes on and I was removed to another cell by myself. I was given a tarp. No bed, blanket, or pillow. There was so much urine on the floor that it burned my nostrils. I had to sleep on the filthy floor. I was never given toilet tissue, water, or ice. I asked for my medication, I never received it. I begged all night for a phone call and was never able to make

one. I asked if I could get out and the said at 5:00, but it ended up being 8:00 p.m. the next day, a total of 30 hours. My 80-year-old mother posted bail bond for me, but didn't realize she was making bond for my husband also. At the time, they took me to the desk and asked me to sign. I refused until everything that was written was explained.

When I was finally released they gave me my clothes and a bag of jewelry which only contained 4 rings and I had a total of 5 rings when I was booked into the jail. I never received my \$3,000 valued wedding band. I had to go back into the jail to get my medication which was not given to me once I was released from jail. I called and even went to Coffee County Jail and spoke with the jail administrator about my ring not being returned. He told me they were not responsible for anything lost or stolen.

/s/ Brenda Nelson

**\*\* Editor's Note:** A representative of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department said all persons confined to the jail are routinely searched for drugs and other contraband, but the above is not exactly how things happened; however, he said he would rather not elaborate with details. He added that officials try to treat all those arrested with respect, while protecting the safety of all involved and maintaining the necessary security any jail situation requires.

Brenda Nelson and Michael Nelson both appeared in Coffee County District Court on Thursday, July 11, on charges related to domestic violence. The charges against Brenda Nelson were non-processed and Michael Nelson pled guilty.

Share Your Views...

Write a  
Letter to  
the Editor

## FCCLA

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trucks were still operating, and everything was life as normal."

Despite the occasional fault-line-induced tremor, the students said they would recommend FCCLA to their fellow classmates.

"It's helped me a lot with my social skills and being able to speak in front of a lot of different people," Woodham said.

"In FCCLA, you get a lot of traveling opportunities," Harrison said. "A lot of people our age don't get to travel."

Morgan said that this kind of conference and competition is helpful for students.

"It opens up some doors, and I think it really helps them prepare for future scholarship opportunities," she said. "It's about selling yourself; selling the work that you've done in a professional way."

Next year's FCCLA conference will be in Washington D.C. and will hopefully involve fewer earthquakes.

## PARK

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animals," she said. "When they all come to my house, this dog park is a blessing."

According to Jones, the main benefit of the park is that it gives residents without a big yard a place to take their dogs.

"It's an opportunity to let their dogs really exercise because dogs were not made to be pent up in the house all the time," she said.

One of Jones' dogs, Lottie, was at the interview but chose not to comment on record.

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## Obituaries

## MAVIS OPHELIA SMITH

Ms. Mavis Ophelia Smith, age 70, of Irvington, Ala., died Friday, July 12, 2019, at her home.

Memorial services were held July 16, 2019 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial services followed in the Liberty Cemetery of the Danley's Cross Roads community.

Survivors include her daughter: Amanda (Brantley Everett) Smith, Irvington; granddaughter: MaKayla Cooper, and grandson: Austin Cooper, both of Irvington; brother: Jerome Edward Wicker, Quitman, Miss.; sisters: Marie Elizabeth Mills, Jackson, Miss., and Linda Faye Wouters, Mobile, Ala.

## SYLVIA BANE

Ms. Sylvia Bane, age 92, of Brantley, Ala., died Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July

12, 2019, from Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel in Opp with burial following in Pine Level Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Wyatt Funeral Home from 6 until 8 p. m. Thursday evening. Elbert Smith will be officiating.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida Bulah Hendricks Bane & Dee Bane.

Survivors include her sisters: Louise Kilcrease and Margie Carnley; niece & nephews: Abbie Potter, Richard Kilcrease and Andy Carnley; great-nieces and great-nephews: Kortney Kilcrease, Kristen Kilcrease, Brandy Scott, Kyle Carnley, Kalab Kilcrease and Casey Hudson.

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## Extension system offering athletic turf management meeting in Ozark

On Friday, July 26, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be conducting an athletic turf management meeting featuring Dr. Dave Han, turf specialist from Auburn Uni-

versity.

The meeting will be held in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office. Anyone who manages an athletic turf is invited to attend this meeting. Topics to be discussed are mowing, aeration, topdressing, irrigation, drainage, fertility, overseeding, pest management, and soil testing.

There also will be a discussion on maintaining pitcher mounds and skinned areas of an athletic field.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Dale County Extension Office (202 South Hwy. 123 Ozark, AL 36360). To register for the meeting, call the Extension office at 334-774-2329, by July 24th.

For additional information contact Neil Kelly 334-200-1519.

## NOTICE TO NEW BROCKTON RESIDENTS:

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton voted at the July 9th meeting to put in effect an odd/even watering ban. It is effective immediately and until further notice. All use of automatic irrigation systems and any type of lawn sprinkler shall comply with the odd/even watering system. Properties with even numbered addresses (312, 516, etc.) will be allowed to use irrigation systems and sprinklers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Properties with odd numbered addresses (123, 421, etc.) will be allowed to use irrigation and sprinkler systems on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be no watering on Sundays.

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### Job Opening Coffee County Highway Department Equipment Operator

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, operate medium and heavy equipment, trucks, and other vehicles to construct, maintain, and improve roads and drainage systems. Perform additional tasks as assigned. Experience preferred. Must possess a Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Non CDL applicants may apply but must obtain CDL within 6 months of employment. Fringe benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays and State retirement. Salary is dependent upon experience. Closing date is July 21, 2019.

*Coffee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

### The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Mechanic Assistant

Opening Date: Immediately  
Closing Date: July 19, 2019

#### Job Summary:

- Assist Chief Mechanic in general overhaul, electrical and mechanical repair work on city vehicles on various types of trucks and cars.
- Assist in performing maintenance inspections and needed services on various city vehicles.
- Maintain a clean and orderly shop area.
- Assist in maintaining, servicing, preserving and safeguarding tools and property worked on or utilized in shop.

#### Job Requirements:

- Ability to understand and follow technical repair manuals and written or oral instructions for various vehicles.
- Ability to perform heavy lifting and work in difficult positions.
- Ability to drive and operate various type vehicles.

**Benefits:** The City of Elba offers BCBS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holiday pay.

**Salary:** Based on experience and qualifications.

**Applications are available at:**

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL  
All applications should be submitted to City Hall.  
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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Coffee County Highway Department Mechanic's Helper

Job Description: Perform tire repairs, minor maintenance and services on various motorized vehicles and assist with repairs to heavy construction equipment and other duties as assigned. Experience Preferred. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License. Fringe Benefits: Paid Vacation, Sick Leave, Health Insurance, Holidays, and State Retirement. Starting Salary: \$10.86. Closing Date is August 2, 2019.

**Please apply [www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us).**

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### The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Machine Operator

Opening Date: Immediately.  
Closing Date: July 19th.

#### Job summary:

- Operates light, medium and heavy equipment
- Operates jack hammer
- Performs manual labor in accomplishing assigned work
- Utilizes hand and power saws, axes and sling blades at work site

#### Requirements of job:

- Working knowledge of the practices applied in use, care and safe operation of various types of equipment
- Ability to understand and follow oral or written instructions
- Ability to work harmoniously with other employees
- Have CDL or ability to obtain one

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of WILBUR O'NEAL DAVIS, SR.,  
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2019-056

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS / NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr., Deceased, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019, by the Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.,  
Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate of  
Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr.,  
Deceased  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ELAINE B. AVANT  
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF  
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
(ELBA DIVISION)  
CASE NO.: PC2019-051

#### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the estate of Elaine B. Avant, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law of they will be barred.  
/s/ Larry D. Jones

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### Alabama and the Moon Landing to be discussed at State Archives

Food for Thought continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama in Montgomery at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on Thursday, June 20 at 12:00 when Brian Odom presents Alabama and the Moon Landing.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of man's first steps on the moon, this presentation will examine the crucial contributions of Huntsville to the success of the moon landing. While the stories of Saturn V development and the success of Apollo 11 are well known, the deeper context of Apollo in Huntsville is often overlooked. Odom will discuss federal development in the Tennessee Valley, German immigration and training, the Cold War, and the civil rights movement—forces which have all left a dramatic imprint on the region's economy, politics, and larger society.

Odom holds a Ph.D. from

LARRY D. JONES  
Administrator of said Estate  
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN RE:  
THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF JACK WADE WILSON,  
DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CASE NO.: PC-2019-049

#### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JACK WADE WILSON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Crystal L. Dugan  
**CRYSTAL L. DUGAN**  
Personal Representative of said Estate  
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

#### JEFFERY LEON WHITE

Plaintiff,



# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

ELDER JOHNATHAN LOCKETT  
HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

*Galatians 5:1 KJV*  
Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Freedom! How many know the power of Freedom? In each heart of a human lies the deepest desire in life... freedom. When you examine history, you'll find that as far as we can trace in ages past and present people everywhere have laid down their lives to win freedom. Even in this very hour our best, bravest, and brightest spill their blood on foreign soil so that others might know this freedom.

Freedom! We live in the midst of the greatest incarnation of freedom in human history. Though we are surrounded by unmatched political and social freedom, not all possess real freedom for they carry a heavy load of enslaving chains that makes freedom a dream. Their chains are not visible to the naked eye. These are not the chains of a human tyrant whose goal is to silence their mouths from talking. These are the chains of the Prince of this world whose goal is to kill, steal and destroy their souls. While their bodies live in freedom, their souls are tightly locked in spiritual bondage. Their face may not tell you of their chains. But their eyes will reveal their pain. And if their voices could describe their greatest wish, they would tell you how they long for just one moment of liberty from the demons of their darkness.

Freedom! There is a source of freedom — real, soul deep freedom — that is greater than any chains the devil can forge. It is a freedom greater than the chains of addiction. We know it is so because we have seen the source of this perfect freedom instantly liberate the lives of those who have used alcohol or drugs for a lifetime in order to self-medicate their pain. This freedom I speak of is stronger than any chains of demon possession or deep despair. We know it is true because we have seen it reach out and rescue those struggling to survive the ills and thrills of this world.

I encourage you to take a moment and ask God to grant freedom from whatever chains that may have you bound. Chains of depression, fear, anxiety...chains of low self-esteem, procrastination, self-doubt and worry! Chains of defeat, victimization and sabotage. You can have whatever you say! Rehearse it, Repeat it, Recite it and Say it...I'm no longer bound...I'm free at last because Christ has set me free.

I want to let you know today that the scriptures clearly state, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Walk in your liberty...walk in your freedom! It's a great day to live on Purpose!

### The Cavaliers quartet set to perform July 27th at Newbia Baptist Church

The Cavaliers Quartet will be in concert at Newbia Baptist Church, 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge to attend this concert, but a love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Current group members are brothers Anthony and

Wayne O'Neal, Ben Mullins and his nephew Jason Reese. The Cavaliers are regulars on many of the National Quartet Convention Showcases and events.

Church News is  
due on  
Mondays!

### Harris Temple COGIC set to host community VBS, July 18-July 20

Harris Temple COGIC will host its Community Vacation Bible School on July 18-20. VBS classes will take place on Thursday [18th] and Friday [19th] from 6-7:30 p.m. each night. On Saturday [20th],

Harris Temple will host a Back to School Bash at Mulberry Heights Park beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be classes available for all ages, including adults! Everyone is invited to attend.

### Bluff Springs Baptist Church plans July 21st Homecoming

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming with special services on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Worship begins at 10:30

### Fun Day event set for July 27th at Mt. Gilead Church, Hwy. 87, Elba

Mt. Gilead Church, located at 7638 Hwy 87, Elba, Ala., will host a Fun Day on Saturday, July 27th.

There will be free food

and fun for all! The event will be from 12 noon until 4 p.m. and is for children and adults.

Bring a towel!

### Zoar Cemetery meeting set for July 27

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July

27, at 10 a.m. at Zoar Cemetery. A financial report will be given and project work outlined for 2019-2020.

Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.



**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
AGES 4 - ADULT

**JULY 21, 2019 4:00 PM**  
KICKOFF WITH ACTIVITIES  
AND COOKOUT

**JULY 22 - 25, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
CLASS TIME AND ACTIVITIES

**JULY 26, 2019 6:00 PM**  
FAMILY NIGHT

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

897-3611



**Scripture:** Prayer for Relief from Adversaries [Psalm 70: 1-5]

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.**

Doris Hooks Fleming, Kathy Johnson, Eddie Dodd, Diane B. Coleman, Mae Sue Dawson, Myron K. Duncan, Lydia M. Kelley, Maria K. Duncan, Donald Smith

**July Birthdays / Anniversaries**

Afreenee Kelley 7/12  
Curtis O. Kelley 7/13  
Connie Bones 7/13  
Jakori J. Warren 7/13  
Rita Gray 7/13  
Brandon Wade 7/13  
Patrick Tyson 7/14  
Jimmie N. Smith 7/15  
Eric Smith 7/15  
Brandy T. Kelley 7/17  
Reginald/Priscilla Sanders 7/17 (W.A.)  
Ida Martin 7/17  
Christina Woods Carr 7/17

**\*\* Bethel AME Church, Brundidge, Ala.,** will be celebrating Family and Friends Day and Homecoming on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Brundidge).

**\*\* Homecoming at Pea River Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton** will be Sunday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jimmy Grider, pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise.

**\*\* A Retirement Celebration honoring Pastor Robert Lewis, St. Francis Missionary Baptist Church** will be Saturday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at Beeland Park, 1016 East Commerce St., Greenville, Ala. He is being honored for 44 years of service. The Master of Ceremony will be Rev. Michael Foster.

**\*\* Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala.,** will hold its Home-

coming services Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Elder James Starks Jr., pastor of New Glorious COGIC of Elba and Bay Minette COGIC of Bay Minette, Ala.

**\*\* Alabama Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, an auxiliary to the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention Inc.**

The 2019 Annual State Congress of Christian Education will be held at the historic Holt Street Memorial Baptist Church, 1879 South Court Street, Montgomery, Ala. Churches can pre-register online at [www.alabamastatebaptist.org](http://www.alabamastatebaptist.org) or at the Holt Street Memorial Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church at 1620 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Birmingham, Ala from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call Dr. C Michael Washington, president, for more information about the banquet. Everyone is invited.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/18/19

Q: In the book of John, what did John the Baptist say was "at hand?"

A: John the Baptist said "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." [read Matthew 3:2]

### Thought to Remember

The weatherman says, "A storm is coming," and everyone panics. The preacher says, "Jesus is coming" and no one cares.

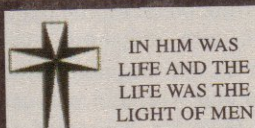
### Question for the Week of 7/25/19

Q: In the book of Psalm, which human need does the Psalmist use to compare with his longing for God? (hunger, thirst), or (weariness)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue



## Church Directory



IN HIM WAS  
LIFE AND THE  
LIGHT OF MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-  
ODIST**  
Rev. Remonia Smith  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adeock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -  
KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.**  
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GREATHER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Fairy Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH  
OF GOD IN CHRIST -  
ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METH-  
ODIST**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH  
OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

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1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

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METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE AS-  
SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-  
SON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRaise & GLORY  
WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.  
CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Joe Farris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL  
COMMUNITY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 12:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS  
CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor



## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*It is almost time to take our grandson Lawson school shopping, and one day last week after looking at the list of things needed for school he declared, "All that stuff will cost one-hundred dollars." The list was long, but one day soon we will head out and get our little third-grader his new school clothes and supplies, and then take a deep breath when we realize just how fast he is growing up.*

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *Kinston High School went hunting* and found a jewel last week when it named former Elba Tiger head coach Karl Bledsoe as the Bulldogs new head basketball coach. The tradition rich Bulldog basketball program has struggled for the past couple of seasons, but the players never quit playing hard and taking pride in their team, and they should all be excited about their new head coach. Coach Bledsoe is an old school disciplinarian and is one of the most knowledgeable coaches I have ever watched on the court. His teams play hard and smart, and back when he was at Elba I had one coach that I greatly respect say that he hated to play against teams coached by Coach Bledsoe because even though you had an idea what he was going to do, you still couldn't stop it. It may take a little while for the Bulldogs to settle in to the new system, but all the fans in Kinston will get excited from day one and will once again be proud to follow the team and cheer for the Bulldogs. Coach Bledsoe can coach and be successful at any school in the state, at any level, and it will be fun to watch the 'ole ball coach back on the court.

\*\*\* *While on the subject of coaching*, I have always laughed at how once a coach gets to the college or professional level he is a coach for life, and no matter what happens, seems to always find a new team to hook up with. Well, the coaching carousel at the high school level is also fun to watch, and recently has made some interesting stops. Folks from over in the big city of Enterprise have made the migration to New Brockton, while the folks from New Brockton have found their way to Elba, and the Elba folks have headed down to Kinston. I'll always bleed black and gold and support the Elba Tigers, but I will admit that with Rudy Free being the head football coach at Kinston, Marty Marler joining the staff as an assistant and Karl Bledsoe taking over the basketball program I will keep an eye on what is going on down the road, even if they do wear orange and blue.

\*\*\* *School and city officials in Dothan* are close to making a decision about building a track and field facility, and some of the options announced last week were very interesting. A couple of possible locations for the facility include Walton Park, which includes 24 acres that are unused, and brings with it a price tag of \$6.9 million; Doug Tew Recreation Complex, the cheapest option at \$4.8 million that is located behind the old Dothan High building and would require the demolition of the baseball field; and, Northcutt Field, which will involve raising the home bleachers, addition of visitors seating, as well as new locker rooms and concession stand, at a cost of \$6.1 million. While those plans drew a lot of attention, the ones that raised the most eyebrows involved Rip Hewes Stadium. One plan, with a base cost of \$11.5 million, called for the demolition of the visitor's bleachers and removal of Pitman Field, with new aluminum bleachers to be installed, as well as new locker rooms and concession stands. This would create seating for 9,511 people and serve both football and track programs. The plan that drew the most attention was one that included the demolition of both sides of Rip Hewes Stadium, the removal of a tennis court, and the removal of Pitman Field. With the addition of parking, new locker rooms and new concession stands, the projected cost of this plan is \$13.1

million. That total would go to over \$14 million with the addition of synthetic turf and a video board, and the new stadium would seat over 11,000. I agree that Dothan needs a track facility, but idea to make changes at Rip Hewes Stadium seems more like a way to upgrade the aging football stadium than to build a new track facility.

\*\*\* *The website AL.com released its list* of the top 101 high school athletes from the 2018-2019 school year, and two area female athletes were both included in the top ten as G.W. Long softball standout Libby Baker came in at #4 and Pleasant Home two-sport standout River Baldwin came in at #10. Headland's K'Shun Stokes, an all-state performer in football and basketball was listed at #18, and others making the list included Abbeville's Jaquon Kinsey at #21 and G.W. Long's Matt Snell at #54. The list did provide some interesting reading, but really wasn't all that impressive and was compiled to attract readership for the online site.

\*\*\* *Auburn University, at Montgomery (AUM)* made the move to NCAA Division II status official last week and is now a full time member of the Gulf South Conference. All 11 varsity programs are now eligible to compete in conference and NCAA post-season play, and the three-year process has moved the Senators from NAIA into the NCAA D2 ranks, which includes over 300 schools from across the

nation.

\*\*\* *The NCAA has ruled* that Tennessee Vol football coach Jeremy Pruitt committed a minor violation recently when he tweeted congratulations to the Plainview High School basketball team and its coaches after winning the Alabama 3A state title in basketball. Pruitt is a Plainview graduate and a lifelong supporter of the school and its athletic program, but the NCAA deemed that the tweet was an "impermissible endorsement of a high school team and its coach." The NCAA now allows players in all sports to move from one college to another whenever they feel they aren't getting to play enough and give players second and third chances when they test positive for drugs, but get serious when a coach congratulates his alma mater. What a joke!

\*\*\* In closing.... my youngest brother Gary passed away last week at the age of 61 after a long battle with a liver illness, and I have spent the past few days thinking back to our days growing up and being a part of close knit family that loved each other and loved the Lord. Gary went to school in Elba through the tenth grade, when my parents moved to Florida, and while he has been out of Elba for over forty years, it was heart warming to hear from his friends that grew up with him and to know that he was remembered and will always be remembered as a friend.

## At Kinston High School

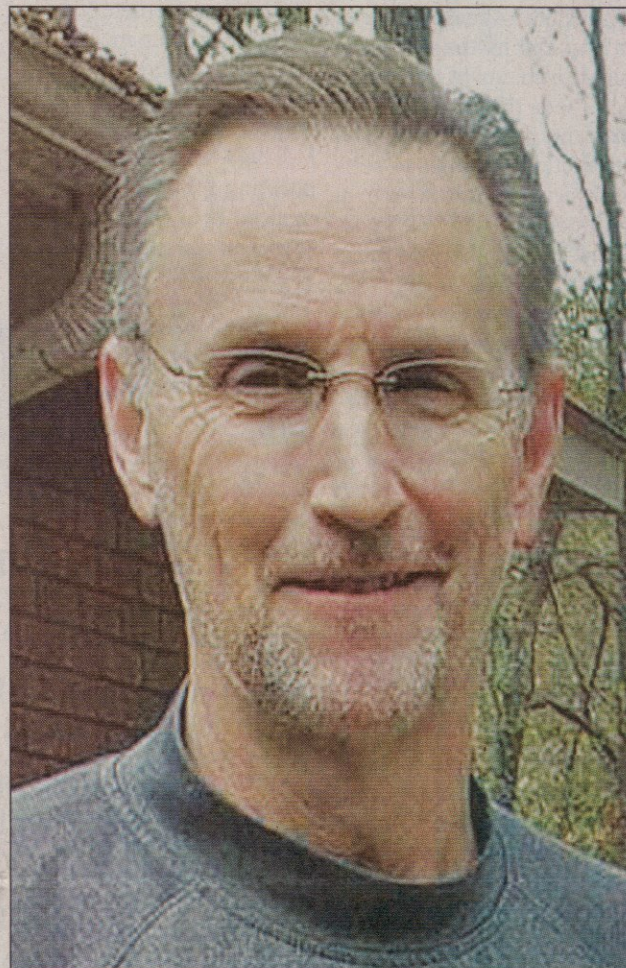
## Bledsoe is back on the court

The hunt for a new head basketball at Kinston High School came to an end last week when former Elba Tiger coach Karl Bledsoe was named lead the tradition rich Bulldog program.

Bledsoe, a native of Andalusia that played for Hall of Fame coach Richard Robertson, led the Elba basketball program to three straight Final Four trips from 2013-2015, and guided the Tigers to their first state title ever in 2015. He was twice named the 'Coach of the Year' by The Dothan Eagle, and was recognized as the state 'Coach of the Year' after the 2015 season.

"It is an honor to be the head coach at Kinston High School," stated Coach Bledsoe. "The basketball program at Kinston is filled with tradition from the days of Creigh Purnell and on to Pete Kelley. They both led Bulldog teams to state titles, and put Kinston on the map as one of the top high school basketball programs in the state. Times change and players change, but the people in Kinston love basketball and it will be our goal each and every day at practice and in games to work hard, play hard and to put Kinston basketball back on top."

Bledsoe is a veteran of 28 years as a high school coach, with his most successful years coming at Elba High. He directed the Tigers from 2000-2005 and again from 2010-2016, and directed the school's junior high program in-between his years with the varsity. In his tenure as the head coach at Elba his teams posted a 185-93 record and during his years at the junior high level led the junior Tigers to



COACH KARL BLEDSOE.... will be back on the basketball court this season after accepting the position of head coach at Kinston High.

a 39-4 slate. His most successful span was in 2013-2016, when the Tigers posted a remarkable 73-14 record and went 33-0 in regular season area games, area tournaments, sub-region and region contests.

"I enjoyed my retirement," added Coach Bledsoe, "but once a coach, always a coach, and I never really gave up the thought that one day I may coach again. I got out of coaching at Elba after being named the principal at the Elba Elementary School, simply because the job as a principal required my full-time attention. The chance to get

back into coaching with no administration duties attracted me and this was the right job at the right time. I had other coaching opportunities since I retired, but the timing wasn't right. I have been a coach all my life and love coaching the game of basketball, and will bring that love of the game with me to Kinston."

Bledsoe began his coaching career at Monroe Academy in 1987-88 before heading out of state to Georgia, where he coached for one season at both Stewart-Quitman and Echols County. He returned to Alabama and led the Geneva Panthers for six years, then moved to Greenville High School for three years, before joining the staff at Elba High in 2000. He was the assistant principal at Elba High from 2009-2014 and the interim high school principal from 2014-2015.

Coach Bledsoe stated that Kinston High principal Danny Branch approached him several months ago about the coaching opening, but didn't make a commitment due to the health of his ailing mother. As her health improved, the thought of a return to coaching became more intriguing, and the lifelong coaching veteran decided the time was right to head back to the gym.

His career at Elba was highlighted by the 2013-2014 state title team that posted a 27-2 record, and avenged both losses with a 66-61 win over Luverne in the state championship game. His final Tiger team posted a 13-11 record and lost to St. Luke's in sub-region action.

"I met with Mr. Branch and athletic director/head football coach Rudy Free and I really liked what I heard," said Bledsoe. "I even went to a couple of workouts before I actually committed to become the head coach, and was impressed with the work ethic and attitude of the players. It was a combination of Mr. Branch, Coach Free and the work ethic of the players that convinced me this was the right place for me to get back into coaching. The players are eager to work hard and win, and you can tell they are dedicated to being a Kinston Bulldog."

Kinston posted a 10-14 record last season, its first double-digit win season since the 2014-2015 season, and hasn't posted a winning season since going 22-9 back in 2010-2011.

"There is no doubt that Kinston plays in one of the toughest basketball areas in the state," added Bledsoe. "Elba makes it to the region tournament almost every season, Brantley has a rich tradition that includes a number of state titles and Florala is supposed to have one of its best teams ever and is considered a state tournament contender. Every time we take the court in area play it will be a challenge, but every game is a challenge and it is how you meet that challenge that makes you a champion. Our goal from day one will be to win a state title, and that will never change. We will work hard to prepare for the season and will approach each game one at a time. A basketball season is a marathon, not a sprint, and we will work to finish that marathon strong and at the end be in front."

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# Coffee County 8U team at Dixie Youth Division II State Tournament

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Kinston 8U baseball team won the District 9 title in June, and that vaulted the team to participate in the Dixie Youth Baseball Division II State Tournament, which began last Friday, July 12, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

This team of youngsters, coached by Andy Sanders, and assistants Anthony Weeks, Justin Creech, and Brian Hawthorne was all smiles and filled with excitement Friday morning as they awaited the start of the opening ceremonies at the Bowers Sports Complex in Tuscaloosa. Division II teams in 8U, 10U and Ozone were all in town for the competition.

"First of all, we always give glory to God for giving us the ability to play the game," said Coach Sanders. "I have been extremely proud of these young guys for the hard work and dedication that not only led to an undefeated regular season and district tournament, but also for their focus and determination to get ready to play at state."

The Kinston 8U team went in to the state tourney with a 26-2 overall record, and Sanders said that was no small feat for the young guys. He said it really says a lot about the boys' dedication to the game.

"All credit for our successes this season goes to the boys," Sanders said. "They put in the time and effort, and it really showed."

Kinston opened play at the state tournament Friday afternoon against Beauregard, and the team vaulted to the win with a final score of 13-4. This set the Bulldogs up for an 11 a.m. matchup Saturday, July 13, with Haleyville.

Kinston just could not get things on track Saturday

morning as it was plagued by some uncharacteristic errors in the field, and Haleyville used strong at bats and good defense to hand Kinston its first loss in the tournament. The final of this game was 11-4 Haleyville.

The loss forced Kinston to have to play again at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon. This time the young Bulldogs faced Abbeville, and they appeared right away to be ready to get back in the win column.

Kinston grabbed the early lead off of good, solid hits and base running, and the team kept Abbeville in check with solid defense. The final of this contest was Kinston 14, Abbeville 9.

Kinston's third game for Saturday was set for 7 p.m. but was moved up to around 5 p.m. due to the possibility of inclement weather. In this game, the Bulldogs faced eventual tourney winner South Bibb.

"South Bibb came in to the game against our team having not been scored on at all in the state tourney," Coach Sanders said. "While we were unable to get past them to continue our bid for the title, I was proud of our kids in that they were the first team that scored on South Bibb in Tuscaloosa."

In the end, Kinston was the only team to score any points against South Bibb in the tournament as Bibb faced Haleyville in the finals and kept them from scoring as well.

The Kinston-South Bibb game ended with a final score of 12-2.

"Our only losses at state came to the tourney winner and runner-up," Sanders said. "That is definitely something for us to take consolation in, and our boys got two wins at the state level. I am beyond proud of them for that!"

Coach Sanders also noted

that he definitely wanted to extend thanks to his assistant coaches for giving up their time throughout the season to help these young boys. He said their dedication to the team and the community is valued more than they will ever know.

Also, he said the support of the parents and the Kinston community was phenomenal, and he wanted all to know how much he and the team appreciates it.

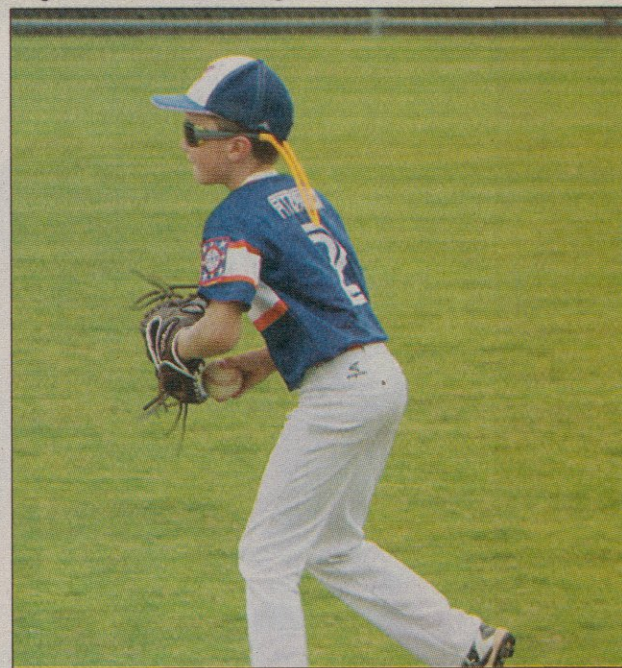
The Kinston 8U team members are: Ryan Blair, Evan Hilburn, Parker Weeks, Rylen Hawthorne, Bentley Smith, William Smith, Woody Tew, Jacob Fitzpatrick, Easton Parker, Luke Carnley, Ben Kirkpatrick, Tucker Davis, and Jhett Creech.



Easton Parker (#4) gets the Kinston 8U team off to a good start with a solid hit to begin the game against Beauregard on Friday afternoon at the state tournament in Tuscaloosa. Kinston won two games, including this one, before being ousted from the tourney.



Evan Hilburn (#7) shows a face full of concentration as he knocks one into the outfield in the win over Abbeville. This was a must-win game for the Kinston team.



Jacob Fitzpatrick (#2) gets ready to throw the ball back to the infield after a clean grab of a Haleyville base hit.



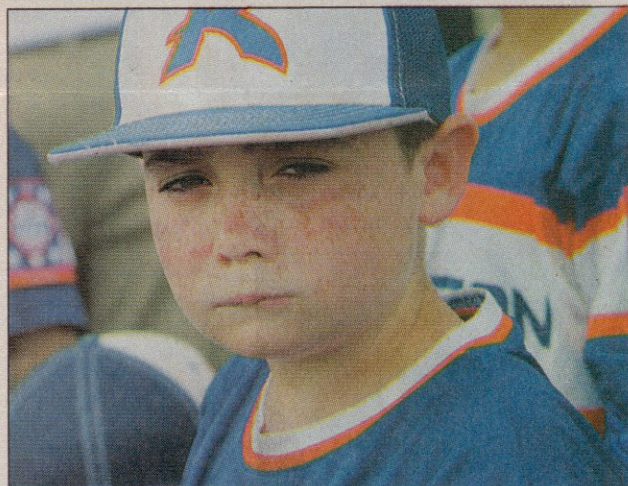
Jhett Creech (#00) awaits a throw to homeplate during Kinston's second game of the tournament.



Tucker Davis (#99) listens to Coach Justin Creech after getting a base hit in the opening game against Beauregard.



Parker Weeks (#12) prepares to throw the ball after fielding it during the Haleyville game.



Ryan Blair (#9) has his game face on!



Rylen Hawthorne (#34) makes a throw from first to third baseman Evan Hilburn in the game one win.

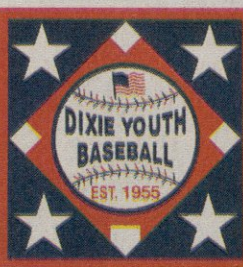


Coach Andy Sanders talks to his team following their first win Friday afternoon at the State Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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# Coffee County 10U team at Dixie Youth Division II State Tournament

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County 10U Dixie Youth Baseball team represented District 9 at the Division II State Tournament last weekend in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Coffee County team was comprised of players from Elba and New Brockton. The team qualified for the state tournament after winning its District Tournament in June.

"I am extremely proud of this team and what they have accomplished this year," said Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey. "They will forever be remembered as one of the inaugural teams to participate in the Dixie Youth Division II State Tournament."

The tournament was held at the Bowers Sports Complex in Tuscaloosa, and began with opening ceremonies Friday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. This included an introduction of all the team participating in the 8U, 10U and Ozone age divisions.

The Coffee County team took the field Friday afternoon for its first game of the state tournament battling South Bibb. It was a super close contest staying tied each inning all the way until the fifth when South Bibb

took a two point lead. From there, things went downhill for the Coffee County team, and it suffered its first loss of the tournament with a final score of 20-8.

The opening game loss placed Coffee County in the early game Saturday morning, and the team faced Fayette at 9 a.m. The youngsters from Coffee County showed they were not ready to pack their bags just yet, and battled the entire game.

Good pitching and defense allowed the Coffee County players to hold Fayette to only one run the entire game. Coffee County combined clutch hitting and good base running off of some walks to score six runs in the game.

The 6-1 Coffee County win advanced the team to a 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon matchup against the Phil Campbell 10U team.

Phil Campbell proved to be too much for the Coffee County team, however, as they knocked Coffee County out of the state tournament Saturday afternoon with a final score of 12-4.

"The future is bright for every single one of these fine young men," Hanchey said regarding the Coffee County 10U team. "I also want to commend the parents and their unwavering support throughout the year."

Hanchey added that he would be remiss if he did not thank the team's coaches for their hard work and dedication as well.

"I definitely want to extend a huge thank you to

Ashton McKelvy, Blake Wood, and Brandon Adkison for their time and commitment to this team," he said. "They are all great guys, and I appreciate them so much."

In conclusion, Hanchey said he hoped the combined team of Elba and New Brockton players to form the Coffee County 10U all-star team had led to friendships among the players that would last a lifetime along with the memories the youngsters made participating in the state tournament.

The Coffee County 10U team members are: Easton McKelvy, Jaden Deaundry Baker, James Cole Shehee, Powell Timothy Bane, Caden Zyan Kyles, Levi Trace Martin, James Griffin Wood, Colton William Starling, William Jeff Adkison, Dawson Keith Smith, Kylen Radcliffe, and Cayden Wallace. Coaches are Ashton McKelvy, Blake Wood, and Brandon Adkison.



William Adkison (30) leaps for the ball as a South Bibb player steps on the bag at second in the first game of the state tourney for the Coffee County 10U team. Also pictured is Easton McKelvy.



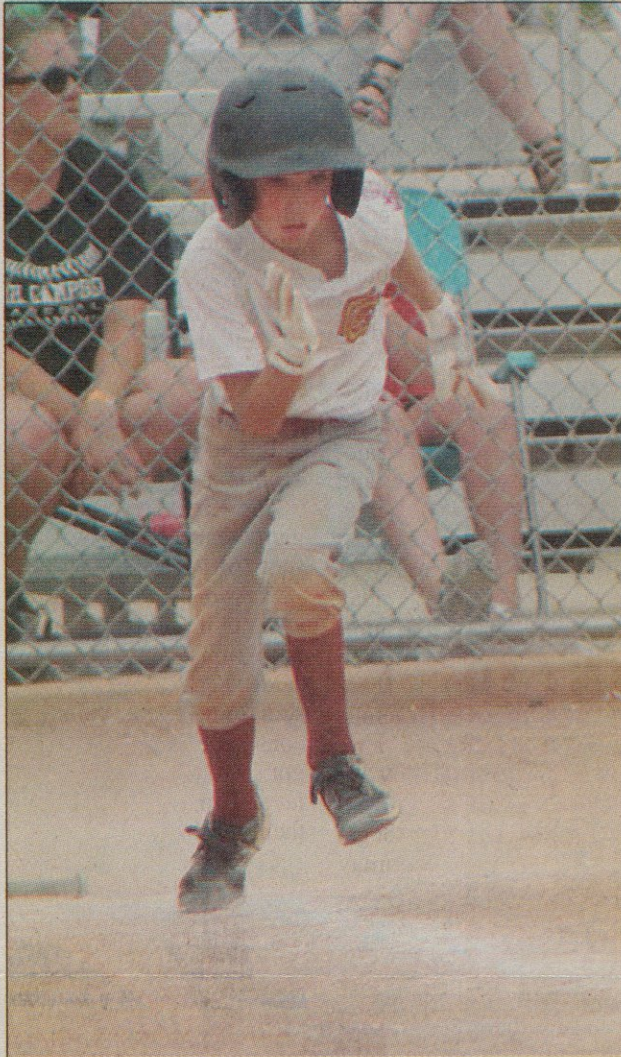
Kylen Radcliffe slides safely into home after a passed ball from the pitcher.



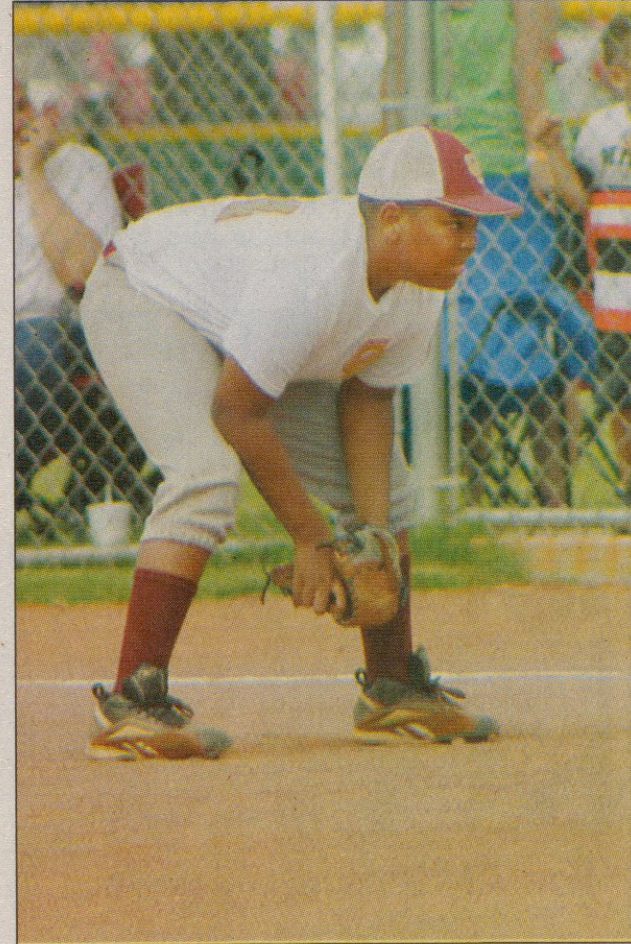
Dawson Smith (#15) takes off from first in the Saturday morning win against Fayette.



Cole Shehee (#3) slides safely into third during the Saturday game against Fayette. Shehee would eventually score for his team adding to the Coffee County lead.



Easton McKelvy (#17) leaves the box after striking a base hit in the final game for Coffee County.



First baseman Caden Kyles watches the ball early in the game Saturday against Fayette.



Levi Martin (#16) squares up for a bunt in game action for Coffee County.



Third baseman Cayden Wallace (#2) chases down a Fayette base runner for an out!

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by **Linda Hodge, Editor**

The Zion Chapel Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone team (12U) qualified for the inaugural Division II State Tournament last month in winning the District Nine title, and last weekend the team represented its community in the State Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The tournament was held at the Bowers Sports Complex in Tuscaloosa beginning Friday, July 12, and continuing through Monday, July 15th.

Zion Chapel's Ozone team participated in the opening ceremonies for the tournament Friday morning, and this included an introduction of all teams playing in the tournament along with welcome speeches from several Tuscaloosa area officials. Tournament play began that afternoon.

Zion Chapel opened play Friday afternoon with a 7-2 win over Lamar County.

On Saturday morning, July 13, the Rebels met Lexington for their second game of the tournament. This was a close, back and forth game throughout the six innings played.

Zion Chapel jumped out to an early lead, but by mid-way through the game, it was tied 6-6. At the end of the fourth inning, Lexington had grabbed what appeared

to be a commanding lead at 7-12, but the Rebels stormed back in the fifth.

Going in to the final inning, the score was Zion Chapel 12 and Lexington 13. The Rebels were unable to push any more runs across the plate in the final inning, and suffered their first loss of the state tournament with Lexington taking the win at 12-14.

The loss set Zion Chapel up with a 1 p.m. Sunday, July 13, matchup with Central. This was a must-win game for the Rebels to remain in the tournament. Once again, the Rebels jumped out to an early 2-0 lead; however, by the end of three, Central had taken the lead 2-3. The only other runs of the game would be scored by Central.

Zion Chapel was eliminated with the gut-wrenching 2-5 loss to Central on Sunday afternoon.

"I was very pleased with the way our kids competed all weekend," said Coach Dustin Stinson. "We did not play as fundamentally sound as we did throughout our district tournament, but our guys battled every game."

Stinson said there were times at state when things did not go Zion Chapel's way in the games, and the players could have given up. Instead, he said they

chose to fight and made each game an intense one with a close margin each time.

"Our team did not make it as far as we expected to and wanted to in the tournament, but it was an experience that myself and these players will never forget," Stinson said. "This has been a special year with an awesome group of players, coaches, and parents that I believe represented the Zion Chapel community well."

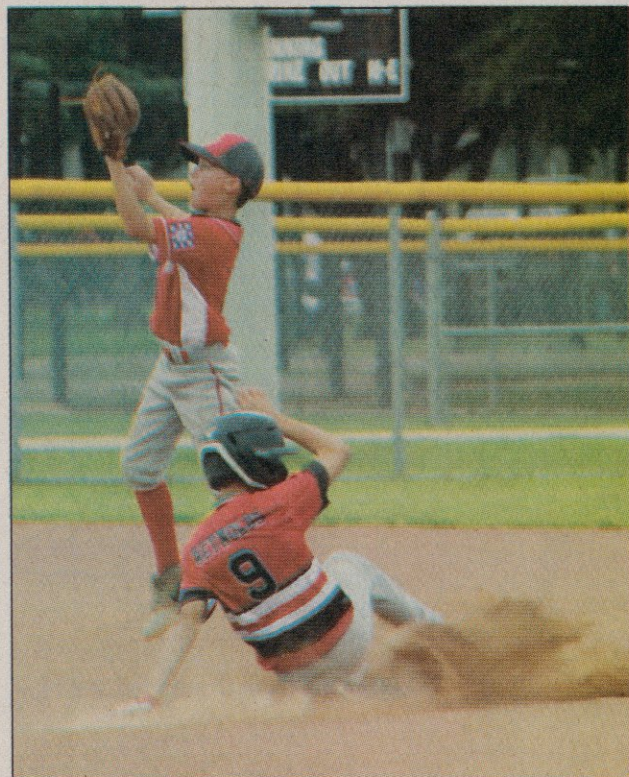
The Zion Chapel team is led by Dustin Stinson with assistant coaches Jeremy Flowers and Jeremiah Eddins. Players are Jackson Adcock, Brodie Stinson, Mason Stewart, Preston Eddins, Austin Jordan, Kavan Brown, Tyler Bass, Brady Flowers, Ian Herbert, Luke Caldwell, Joseph LeGear and Alex Wilson.



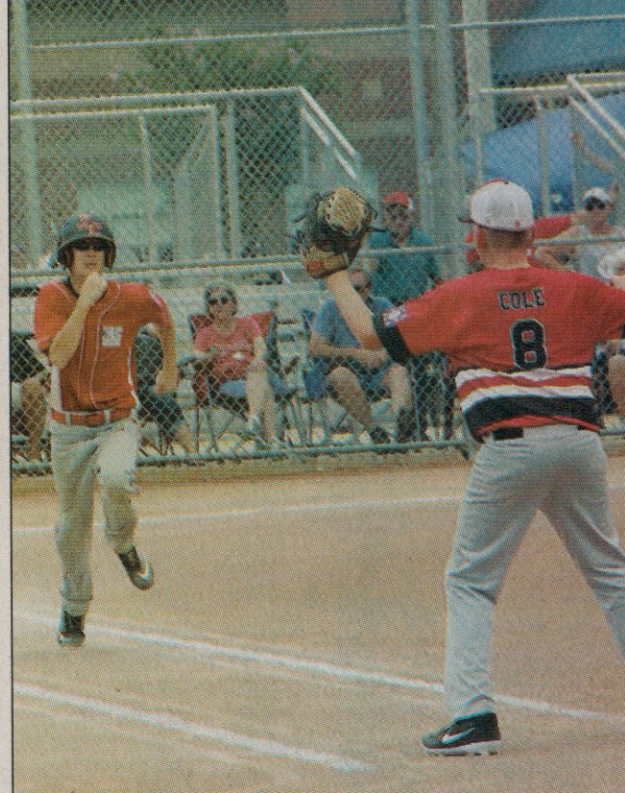
**Zion Chapel Ozone players meet Mason Stuart (#11) at the plate during the Saturday game against Lexington.** Stuart knocked a 'no doubt' homerun to keep Zion Chapel close in this contest.



**Ian Herbert heads for second Saturday in the game against Lexington.** Herbert hit a solid double to make it standing up to second base.



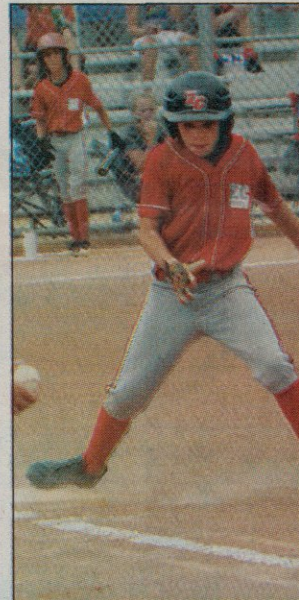
**Brodie Stinson (#8) leaps for the ball during Sunday's game against Central** in an attempt by Zion Chapel to catch the base runner stealing.



**Jackson Adcock (#5) was giving it his all down the first base line in Sunday's game** after making contact with the ball at the plate.



**Brady Flowers (#22) beats out the throw to first in the game against Central.**



**Kavan Brown (#16) makes sure to keep his foot on first.**

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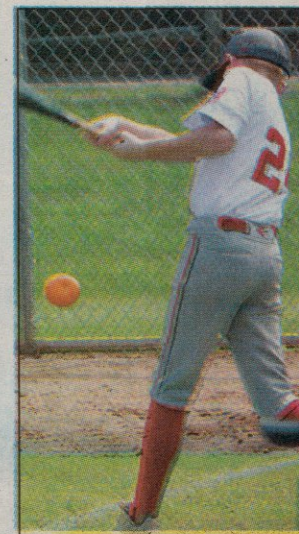
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**First baseman Preston Eddins goes low for the ball late in the game Sunday against Central.** Zion Chapel fought hard but came up just short in this must-win game.



**Austin Jordan (#12) stands guard at first as Brodie Stinson (#8) pitches in Saturday's game against Lexington.**



**Joseph LeGear (#24) in pregame warm-ups Saturday.**

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